

# Tips On Buying Nylon Hosiery

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In the Institute we have been keenly interested during the past year in checking nylon hosiery made experimentally by several manufacturers. We have put it through its paces in our textile laboratory, and have subjected it to use on the feet of our "wear squad." Our notes and findings will be of interest to you, and may help you to understand nylon hosiery better. Only you can be the judge of whether you will like nylon. It is certainly worth the try.

The DuPont Company makes nylon yarn and sells it to more than 45 hosiery manufacturers. The manner of construction of the hosiery itself is left entirely to each hosiery manufacturer. Therefore it will be well for you to choose your usual brand in nylon. You will then be more likely to find the particular details to which you are accustomed, and which suit your personal needs. Regardless of brand names, one stocking of each pair is marked "Made of DuPont nylon."

**Footsize.** Choose the size you customarily buy. Remember that most people usually buy too short a size. The nylon foot will not stretch out of shape readily.

**Leg lengths** are mostly standard at present, with short and long lengths available in only a few brands.

Colors are very attractive, and varied to suit the discriminating. Since nylon looks different over the skin, try the colors over your hand to see the effect.

Twist at present is all one-way, and in the single thread. Ringless attachments have long been used on hosiery machines, to reduce the effect of variation in yarn thickness. Since nylon is inherently even, any uneven appearance is practically nonexistent.

Weight designations used in silk stockings, such as 2-thread or 3-thread will not apply to nylon. You will ask at the hosiery counter for "nylon 30's," "nylon 40's," etc. The lower the number the finer the yarn. A nylon 30 will correspond in weight to a 2-thread silk hose, a nylon 40 to a 3-thread. Later other weights will be added.

Seams are now all sewed with nylon thread. You will note how very narrow and closely stitched they look. Later you will be favorably impressed with the strength of these seams, especially you who suffer habitually from seams opening where the shoe rubs at the heel.

Reinforcements in the foot are now all made with nylon thread, too. Because of the marked ability of nylon to resist rubbing, the sheer part of the foot can stand up well under chafing from movement of the shoe during walking. Thus the size of the reinforcements can be cut down to the minimum. You will notice that some nylon hose have narrow soles; short toe caps; narrow, slender, short heels. This results in an attractive stocking foot, which enhances a low-cut shoe. Yet this delicate-looking foot gives astonishing wear—a boon to those whose foot peculiarities often wear through reinforcements on stockings rather quickly.

When putting on nylon hosiery, take time to use the preferred method of rolling the stocking down to the toepit. Then draw it on over the foot, unrolling with the fingertips as you go. As it is smoothed over the ankle and calf, place the seam correctly. Fasten the front garter while you are still seated. Fasten all garters in the welt portion or hem, never in the leg fabric.

**Laundrying.** Since nylon absorbs little moisture, washes off, not out of the fabric. Soaking is unnecessary, since washing is so easy. Squeeze gently in lukewarm suds, rinse in lukewarm water. Hang over a smooth rod to dry. You will see that these stockings will dry very fast—in fact they appear to be wet only on the surface. In about a half an hour they will be completely dry. Furthermore, if you have taken care to hang them neatly, they will resume their original shape. There is no twisting of the seam around the leg length while drying. Do not iron, and do not place to dry on a hot surface, such as a radiator.

**Serviceability** will depend to a great deal on how you treat nylon hose. Remember they are not the same way as other stockings, and are subject to the same accidents during wear. Snags from rough nails, rough surfaces, and careless handling will result in the usual runs. We can make no prediction, therefore, as to how long a single pair will wear. We can report, however, that none of the pairs we wore ever developed a hole due to abrasion; the final failure, even after several weeks, was always due to a snag or cut. This is in itself remarkable.

**Mending,** if any, can be done with any ordinary thread. The usual stop-run preparations can also be used.

# Tahiti Cruise Enchants Buxtons

## Local Residents Sail 9,500 Miles to South Seas

Home from a 9,500-mile cruise which took them to the South Seas island of Tahiti and back in three weeks, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Buxton of 1515 Arlington were asked by The Herald to write their travel experience. "B. C." turned the assignment over to his wife who has written the following absorbing travelogue. They left Los Angeles harbor July 24, accompanied by Buxton's sister, Mrs. Clara B. Tyson of Washington, D. C., and departed at Wilmington Aug. 16.

By MRS. B. C. BUXTON

In every heart there is a wanderlust—a wish to visit far climes and strange peoples. And it is this wish which crystallized into a cruise of 700 passengers aboard the Matson liner Mariposa which took them 9,500 miles in three weeks upon a Pacific Ocean much bigger and much bluer than any geography report I ever read.

Our first stop (after four and a half days of fun on a liner—movies, dancing, contract bridge, swimming, deck games, good food and much dozing in deck chairs) was at Honolulu where the famous Aloha Tower where an orchestra played Hawaiian music and the passengers disembarked amid cheers of those waiting to throw leis of fresh gardenias, carnations and fragrant ginger flowers around the necks of their friends.

It is a beautiful custom—this loving welcome expressed in flowers. We saw a sweet Salvation Army mother returning from the states and those who met her threw so many leis over her that she could hardly see over them. We hired a car and drove around Honolulu, a modern American city with a Japanese flavor. A large part of the Islands' population is composed of Japanese—many of them American citizens, the sons and daughters of Japanese parents.

See Queen's Palace Because our fleet is stationed at Pearl Harbor it is natural that Honolulu's streets swarm with sailors on shore leave. As one drives around the island, the impression is that all is adequately protected on land and sea—that the U. S. Navy is very much on the job. We drove thru miles and miles of pineapple fields. There are 90,000 acres of pineapple on the Islands. And then thru many more miles of sugar cane, past mountain side groves of macadamia nut. The macadamia nut is supposed to be something you send home from Honolulu. It looks like a hazelnut and tastes much like a cashew nut.

We were fortunate in persuading the old Hawaiian watchman to let us in to see the inside of Queen Liliuokalani's Palace—throne room, oil paintings and all—not open to the public at present because it is being restored. The huge palace is in a large park in the center of Honolulu and it looks like a court house—quite appropriate because it is now used as the Governor's headquarters and the Senate meets in the old palace banquet room.

The broad boulevard which leads from the city past the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head is lined with very nice homes. We saw Doris Duck Cromwell's mansion. It is on the beach just

beyond Waikiki, a rambling, one-story affair mostly of glass.

**Under Southern Cross** In Honolulu hibiscus bushes with blossoms of every color and kind are everywhere. One leaves that city feeling that Hawaii is truly a paradise of flowers.

As the Mariposa left the harbor bound for Tahiti she was escorted by a Coast Guard boat and passengers threw confetti until we were out from the pier. We threw our leis into the water in farewell—hoping by doing so that tradition would come true and we would return to Hawaii. The Hawaiians played and sang Aloha and we were on our way to our "Beautiful Isle of Dreams," the mecca of all the pilgrims on the ship.

It grew warmer as we neared the equator. We expected unbearable heat but we did not suffer. On deck it was like a hot summer day at home. Inside the ship was air-cooled and comfortable. The nights were lovely, the sky a velvety black and the stars brilliant as diamonds. We saw the Southern Cross night after night and were glad we had recently visited the Griffith Park Planetarium so we knew what to look for.

**Where Romance Flourishes** There was a moon too, and such a moon! Ship romances which resulted in at least one marriage and one engagement by the time we reached Tahiti flourished under its beams. As we sat in our deck chairs heading for the Society Islands 2,600 miles to the south and east of Hawaii we discussed Tahiti the largest and best known of the group and we marshalled our facts on it.

Our map showed that the whole island is shaped like a long narrow mountainous island rise from the sea. It looked much like Catalina only it was longer. This was Tahiti!

We were certainly glad to see it after all those days of looking at clouds and sunsets and waves and flying fish. Near Tahiti rose another island—Moorea—not so large but more picturesque, with sharp rocky peaks and not so much verdure. Tahiti is more rolling like Palos Verdes only it is covered with coconut and banana groves which grow right down to the water's edge.

**Girls Are Beautiful** It took our big liner two hours to navigate the channel between the coral reefs and dock at Papeete along side of the Monty, her sister ship which had come from Australia and New Zealand. The little town of Papeete swarmed with humanity—natives poured in from everywhere, on bicycles principally but also in old-fashioned horse-drawn wagons and surreys and many in cars of ancient vintage.

However it is surprising how many good-looking modern automobiles there are there—mostly

long and six miles wide and has only small plantations and residences.

We were fortunate enough to meet aboard ship an American writer who lived in Tahiti and he told us that among others, Robert Louis Stevenson had lived and written there; that Zane Grey's abandoned home was next to his; that Nordoff and Hall, co-authors of "Mutiny on the Bounty," "Dark River," "Hurricane" and "Out of Gas," make their homes there. All of their stories have the native life and traditions as colorful backgrounds.

**Tahiti Rises From Sea**

The late F. W. Murnau took his cast and filmed "Mutiny on the Bounty" in Tahiti because in 1788 Lieut. Bligh in H.M.S. Bounty visited the island and it was here that his troubles began.

As we sat on deck after lunch five days out from Hawaii and looked out over miles and miles of the bluest ocean one can imagine, we saw the dim outline of a long narrow mountainous island rise from the sea. It looked much like Catalina only it was longer. This was Tahiti!

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**Alas, they know not because copra, the principal product of the island, has fallen in price from \$18 a ton to \$4 a ton and it no longer pays to ship it.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Buxton will continue her travelogue in the next issue of The Herald. She reserves all rights to her articles.)

# Summer Soups—Hot Or Cold

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A hot dish for digestion's sake is considered good advice even for hot-weather meals. When the rest of the meal is cool—a salad or a platter of cold cuts—hot soup as a starter will make the meal all the more enjoyable. On the other hand, when you're serving a hot meal, a cold soup is always an appetizing prelude. Your family will enjoy these tested Institute recipes for summertime soups—hot or cold. All are quick and easy, and are made mostly with canned soups.

## Mushroom-Shrimp Bisque

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level



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1 1/2-c. can condensed cream-of-mushroom soup 1 tsp. minced onion or chives  
1 1/2-c. can shrimp 1 to 1 1/2 tsp. sherry (1 c.)  
Stir together the mushroom soup, milk and shrimp, which has been flaked after removal of the black veins down the back. Then add the tabasco and onion, and heat well, but do not boil. Just before serving, add the sherry, if desired. Serves 6.

## Quick Onion Soup

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

4 c. sliced, peeled onions 2 1/2-lb. cans consommé  
6 tsp. butter or margarine 1 1/2-lb. can vegetable soup  
Stir onion in butter until tender. Add rest of ingredients; heat; serve. Serves 8 to 10. Two 10-c. cans condensed consommé and one 10-c. can condensed vegetable soup may be substituted for soups in this recipe if 4 c. water are added.

## Chicken-And-Tomato Soup

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

Combine a 10 1/2-oz. can condensed chicken soup, a 10 1/2-oz. can condensed tomato soup, 1/2 c. bottled milk (or 1/4 c. evaporated milk and 1/4 c. water) with 1 tsp. minced parsley and a dash tabasco, and heat. Top with 1 tsp. of whipped cream on each serving. Serves 4.

## Pepper Pot Supper Potage

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

Combine an 11-oz. can condensed pepper pot soup, a 10 1/2-oz. can condensed tomato soup, and 2 1/2 c. bottled milk or 1 1/4 c. evaporated milk and 1 1/4 c. water. Heat thoroughly. Serves 6.

## Jellied Orange Consomme

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

1 envelope plain, unflavored gelatin (1 1/2 lbs.) 1/2 c. sugar  
3/4 c. cold water 3 tsp. lemon juice  
2 c. orange juice 1 c. orange segments  
Soak gelatin in water 5 min. Add 1 c. of orange juice which has been heated, and the sugar; stir until dissolved. Cool. Add remaining fruit juice and orange segments from which all membranes have been removed. Chill thoroughly and serve ice cold as a refreshing start-off to luncheon or dinner. Serves 4 to 6.

## Chilled Cream-Of-Tomato Bouillon

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

2 c. canned tomato juice 1 tsp. minced onion  
1 c. light cream or top milk 1/2 tsp. bottled red-curd sauce  
Combine all ingredients; chill thoroughly, and serve when the weather's almost hot for eating! Serves 6. Chopped chives make a pleasing variation when substituted for the onion.

## Chilled Tomato Madrilène

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level

1 1/2-lb. can consommé madrilène 1 tsp. lemon juice  
2 c. canned tomato juice 1/2 tsp. bottled red-curd sauce  
1 tsp. minced onion 1/2 tsp. bottled horseradish sauce  
1 tsp. table salt 1/2 tsp. salt  
Combine consommé madrilène and tomato juice. Add remaining ingredients. Heat, and serve with an otherwise cold luncheon or dinner. Or chill well, and serve as a cool beginning on a hot day. Serves 6.

# Congregationalists' New Chief



A former governor of Colorado, William E. Sweet, left, is the new moderator of General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches. He is being congratulated at Berkeley, Calif., convention by Dr. Earley H. Gill, Northern California superintendent of denominations.

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# Who'll Win Millionth 1940 Chevrolet?



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# The War Games May Be a Picnic to Some, but—



These picnickers at Yelm, Wash., where Pacific Northwest war games are being staged, may find the make-believe war to be a lark, but it's serious business to U. S. Army.

# Kiwanians Send Scouts On Annual Camp Trip

Directors of the Torrance Kiwanis club followed a custom of several years standing late last week in underwriting the club-sponsored Boy Scout troop's camping trip near Arrowhead to the extent of \$50. The Scouts left last Sunday for Blue Jay Camp and are expected to return today. Merton Gilbert, scoutmaster, is in charge of the troop. Postmaster Earl Conner accompanied the boys to the Camp and assisted them in getting settled for their stay.

# Burning Awning Ripped to Save Store Building

Discovering the awning in front of Richard Colburn's grocery at 218th street and Cabrillo avenue on fire early Sunday morning, William Snyder of 212 Cabrillo, tore it down to prevent spread of the flames to the building, he told investigating officers.

## JUDGE TO SPEAK

Superior Judge John Bardsley will address members of the Rotary club tonight at the American Legion clubhouse.

# Chamber Votes Fund for Club Gathering

An appropriation of \$50 to help defray the expenses of the district meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs to be held in Torrance on Saturday, September 14, was approved by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week. It is expected that between 200 and 300 out of town guests will be present for the afternoon and evening.

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